[10th October 1928

A.—Information has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

Recognition of Arabic schools.

*490 Q.—Mr. Mahmud Schamnad: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (*b*) (1) of my question No. 1525, dated 27th February 1928—

(*a*) why the Government have not recognized Arabic schools just as they have recognized Sanskrit schools and whether one Mr. Muhammad Sherale applied more than once to recognize his Arabic school of Podur near Kumblar;

(*b*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of issuing curricula for advanced and elementary Arabic schools as early as possible;

(*c*) whether they give any annual grant to the Kurnool Arabic College (Madrasa Islamia); if so, whether they annually inspect and ascertain the kind and nature of work turned out in that college before making the grant and through whom they ascertain; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint an officer to control and inspect Arabic colleges and schools?

A.—(*a*) No Arabic schools have been recognized till now for want of applications from schools imparting secular instruction.

The application referred to by the hon. Member has been received and is under the consideration of the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Courses of studies in Arabic schools will be prescribed when such schools are opened.

(*c*) Grants are paid to the Arabic College, Kurnool, in accordance with rules 45 and 46 of the Grant-in-Aid Code. The College authorities submit a financial statement each year.

(*d*) As there is only one recognized Arabic institution at present there is no need to appoint an officer as proposed by the hon. Member.

Mr. Mahmud Schamnad:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*) may I know whether the prescription of text-books and courses of studies is not a condition precedent to the opening of schools?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"When the schools become large in number that would be the time to prescribe courses of studies."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed:—"May I know whether Arabic schools in this Presidency number more than several thousands and whether the Minister will recognize them?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I want notice."

Mr. Mahmud Schamnad:—"May I ask whether it is possible to teach even in a single school without the courses of studies being prescribed?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"I want notice."